

DETAILED ACTION

Receipt is acknowledged of the Amendment received on 5-5-08 and IDS of 4-28-08.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Patrick Bever on 6-6-08.

The application has been amended as follows:

Re claim 4, line 1: Replace "A portable card" with – A portable encoded memory card --.

Re claim 4, line 3: Replace "defining a slot-like hollow area" with – defining a slot-like hollow area in the card --.

Re claim 9, line 1: Replace "A portable card" with – A portable encoded memory card --.

Re claim 9, line 5: Replace "defining a slot-like hollow area" with – defining a slot-like hollow area in the card --.

Re claim 19: Replace "A portable card" with – A portable encoded memory card --.

Re claim 19, line 4: Replace “defining a slot-like hollow area” with – defining a slot-like hollow area in the card --.

Re claim 20, line 1: Replace “A portable card” with – A portable encoded memory card --.

Re claim 20, line 4: Replace “defining a slot-like hollow area” with – defining a slot-like hollow area in the card --.

Re claim 21, line 1: Replace “A portable card” with – A portable encoded memory card --.

Re claim 21, line 4: Replace “defining a slot-like hollow area” with – defining a slot-like hollow area in the card --.

Re claim 22, line 1: Replace “A portable card” with – A portable encoded memory card --.

Re claim 22, line 4: Replace “defining a slot-like hollow area” with – defining a slot-like hollow area in the card --.

Re claim 73, line 2: Replace “comprising” with – comprising: --

Re claim 73, line 3: Replace “defining a slot-like hollow area” with – defining a slot-like hollow area in the card --.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 4, 5, 9-14, 19-22, and 73-76 are allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The reasons for allowance have been discussed in the previous Office Action.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure (See PTO-892).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANIEL WALSH whose telephone number is (571)272-2409. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9am-7pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Paik can be reached on 571-272-2404. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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